

House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

ORDER FOR SIGNING AUTHORIZATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment of the Senate, the majority leader, majority whip, and senior Senator from New Mexico be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR AND NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 622, 760, 770, 773, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 820, 822, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 832, 833, 834, 835, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 883, 884, 885, 886, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

Provided further that the following committees be discharged from the nominations listed and they be considered en bloc:

Agriculture Committee, Margo McKay, PN1665; Nancy Montanez-Johner, PN1693 and PN1695; Michael Dunn, PN1694; Bruce Knight, PN1763 and PN1764; Charles Christopherson, Jr., PN1865;

HELP Committee, Camilla Benbow, PN1709;

Homeland Security, James Bilbray, PN1873.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Mark D. Anton, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2010.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

John H. Hill, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

THE JUDICIARY

Jennifer M. Anderson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associated Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be Associated Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Phyllis D. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Associated Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2013.

Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2012.

Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2007.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Paul A. Denett, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mark R. Dybul, of Florida, to be Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, with the rank of Ambassador.

INTERNATIONAL BANKS

Henry M. Paulson, Jr., of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Christina B. Rocca, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Philip S. Goldberg, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Bolivia.

Richard W. Graber, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Czech Republic.

Karen B. Stewart, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Belarus.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Benedict S. Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

William H. Tobey, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear

Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

C. Thomas Yarrington, Jr., of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 2011.

Colleen Conway-Welch, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Charles D. Nottingham, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2010.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2006.

Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sean T. Connaughton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Jay M. Cohen, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Nathaniel F. Wienecke, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Peter Schaumber, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2010, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005.

Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

Wilma B. Liebman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2011.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Timothy Shanahan, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2007.

Carmel Borders, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2008.

Donald D. Deshler, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2008.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Victoria Ray Carlson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

Chad Colley, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

Lisa Mattheiss, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

John R. Vaughn, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2007.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Keven Owen Starr, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009.

Katherine M. B. Berger, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

Karen Brosius, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

Ioannis N. Miaoulis, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

Christina Orr-Cahall, of Florida, to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Kenneth R. Weinstein, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

Jay Winik, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

Josiah Bunting III, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

Wilfred M. McClay, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

Mary Habeck, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Karl Hess, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for the remainder of the term expiring May 10, 2008.

Thomas N. Taylor, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2012.

Richard F. Thompson, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2012.

Mark R. Abbott, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2012.

John T. Bruer, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2012.

Patricia D. Galloway, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2012.

Jose-Marie Griffiths, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2012.

FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Arthur F. Rosenfeld, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Randall M. Fort, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Manfredi Piccolomini, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

Peter Schaumber, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2010.

FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Arthur F. Rosenfeld, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Drue Pearce, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects for the term prescribed by law.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Karen Brosius, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the national Museum and Library Services Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 6, 2006.

THE JUDICIARY

Frances Marie Tydingco-Gatewood, of Guam, to be Judge for the District Court of Guam for the term of ten years.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Troy A. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1713 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (223) beginning James C. Charlifue, and ending Barbara Matthews, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2006.

PN1785 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (130) beginning M. Suzanne Archuleta, and ending John D. Lavelle Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2006.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN1786 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (4) beginning Wade J. Blake, and ending Christopher S. Moore, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Margo M. McKay, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Nancy Montanez-Johner, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Nancy Montanez-Johner, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring June 19, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Bruce I. Knight, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Bruce I. Knight, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Charles R. Christopherson, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Camilla Persson Benbow, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2012.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2006.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Mr. FRIST. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that all nominations received by the Senate during the 109th Congress remain in status quo, notwithstanding the August 4, 2006, adjournment of the Senate and the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with the following exceptions: Calendar Nos. 37, 169, 553, 614, 624, 572, 881, 882; in committees, PNs 719, 1315, 193, 1297, 778.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, a number of the nominations we just went through were sent back. For clarification, they were sent back based on objections from the minority. So it is clear, they are not coming from me as the reason they are being sent back.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 467 until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 5631, the Defense appropriations bill. I further ask that at 4:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to Executive Calendar No. 819, Kimberly Ann Moore, as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we have had a very full day today addressing the Family Prosperity Act, the Pension Protection Act, and the Department of Defense appropriations bill. We will complete the Department of Defense appropriations funding bill in September. Senators STEVENS and INOUE have worked very hard in getting us this far on the bill, and we have a commitment from the Democratic leader to finish this bill by Wednesday when we return. Members should be prepared for a busy start of the week and should note that the first vote of the week will be on Tuesday, September 5, at 5:30 for a circuit court nomination.